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"We are in the country of the Awabakal peoples. We respectfully acknowledge their elders, celebrating their continuing culture and the living memory of their ancestors."

The following passage is from John's Gospel which will be proclaimed at Christmas Masses:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.



Through the birth of Christ, God became human, so that God's word became flesh. Jesus' birth was God's way of showing his people how he wanted them to live their lives. With this in mind, Fr Sean Cullen writes Jesus' birth marked something new for society, he would eventually reveal God to be a wise, compassionate, and loving Father. Little by little, through Jesus' words and deeds the revolutionary concept of God started to become recognised.

Furthermore, Cullen outlines Jesus' coming also brought a new understanding of the human person. By Jesus showing respect for the lowest, and least as well as spending time with the outcasts. He proclaimed the worth of every person and His actions slowly restructured society.

Jesus Pray for us and for peace in the world.

St Paul Pray for Us

St Vincent de Paul Hampers

At our concluding Liturgy last Monday, Mr Barnett from the local St Vincent de Paul Conference was in attendance to accept the hampers donated by students and staff of St Paul's. Mr Barnett was overwhelmed by the number of hampers which had been donated. He informed the students the difference the hampers would make to many in the local community over the Christmas Season.

Thanks to all the families, students and staff who contributed to the hampers. I would also like to acknowledge the work of Ms Heard and Mrs deWinter who coordinated St Paul's annual collection of the Christmas Hampers with the students and staff.

Everyone's contribution to the Christmas Hampers is a wonderful example of 'faith in action'.



Farewell Staff

As the we conclude the 2023 school year, we farewell the following staff:

Mario Cabrera
Amber Carter
Samuel Davidson
Belinda Dempsey
Paula Douglas
Jessica Dufty
Alysha Ferris
Sarah Gardiner
Betty Harris
Summer Harrison
Alex Kenny
Katie Lee
Paul Loveday
Michelle Lund
Nigel Lynn
Elizabeth Marsh
Kathy Morrison-Holt

Bradley Melville
Thomas Murphy
Abbey O'Reilly
Roslyn Pedgrift
Cayte Pryor
Phil Ratcliffe
Michelle Russell
Stephan Stiess
Gina Sneddon
Roxanne Soper
Andrew Terry
Steven Thomas
Gabrielle Tonai
David Trimble
Janine Turton
Steven Wood

Six of these staff members, Mrs Harris, Mrs Pryor, Mrs Pedgrift, Mr Ratcliffe, Mr Thomas, and Mr Trimble need to be especially recognised and acknowledged as they have each contributed over twenty years' service to our St Paul's community. We thank them for their long-standing commitment to St Paul's, forming many young students and watching them graduate as young women and men who were well prepared for life after school.

I also wish to acknowledge Mrs Carter's efforts since 2020 as Assistant Principal, Teaching and Learning. Mrs Carter commitment to the education of students is clearly evident to everyone and during her time at St Paul's, she has worked tirelessly to provide the best learning opportunities for all students and to enhance the capacity of all teachers. I know Mrs Carter will take her passion for education with her as she commences the next phase of leadership journey at St Bede's, Chisholm next year.

As a community, we offer a deep sense of gratitude to all these staff who have contributed to the St Paul's community and wish them all the best for the future.

2024 School Commencement Dates:

The following dates outline the commencement arrangements for 2024:

- 30-1-2024: Staff Return
- 31-1-2024 Pupil Free Day
- 1-2-2024 Year 7 students commence.
- 2-2-2024 Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 students commence.

The Main Office will be open from 9am until 2pm on Tuesday 23 January, Wednesday 24 January, and Thursday 25 January, 2024

2023 HSC Results

Last Thursday, the 2023 HSC Class received their results and Australian Tertiary Admissions Ranks (ATAR's). All students are to be affirmed for being awarded the Higher School Certificate credential to signify the end of 13 years of school.

A brief overview of the student's results include:

- 14 Band 6 across the cohort.
- 68 Band 5 across the cohort.
- This equates to 23% of St Paul's bands being either Band 6 or 5.
- Holly Kehoe's Major Work for Textiles and Design was nominated for the TexStyle display.

The following students achieved a Band 6 in the courses identified:

- Samara Ferguson English Advanced
- Chloe Gill Community and Family Studies
Hospitality
- Dylan Greenacre Mathematics Extension 2
- Rosemary Hale English Advanced
Studies of Religion II
Visual Art
- Rebecca McBride Visual Arts
- Michael Pockran Mathematics Extension 2
Music
- Charlize Pogson English Advanced
- Matilda Thorn Community and Family Studies
Hospitality
- Luke Williams Hospitality

In addition, the follow two students achieved an E4 band (highest band) in the following Extension 1 Courses:

- Rosemary Hale English Extension 1
- Michael Pockran Mathematics Extension 1

Furthermore, it was pleasing to hear the greater proportion of students who wished to attend University gained early entry offers. These student's achievements from Year 11 significantly contributed to securing these places. Several members of the cohort also successfully completed their School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeships as well as achieving the HSC Credential.

The Year 12 students have been wonderfully supported by their teachers and families and the results could not have been achieved without these people guiding, challenging, and nurturing them throughout their schooling.

Year 7 – 10 Semester Awards

Last Monday, Semester Award ceremonies were held for students in Years 7 – 10. Congratulations to the many students were affirmed for their efforts throughout Terms 3 and 4. It was pleasing to see the number of students who were acknowledged in all year groups.

The Year 10 ceremony included some special awards. The recipients of these awards were:

Wayne Holland Memorial Maths Prize:	Sarah O'Connor
ADF Future Innovators Award:	Ryan Hall
Lions Club Encouragement Award:	Cerys Smith
ADF Long Tan Leadership Award:	Cleo Doyle
Jacqui Chatburn Award:	Jesse Walsh
Award for Most Improved Shamley Trophy:	Harry Klepzig



Wellbeing Support during Holidays

The holidays are a wonderful time to take a break and spend more time with our family and friends. The holidays can also be overwhelming and stressful for many students and families. Please see the list below for some options of support over the school holidays if you need it.

Mental Health Line: 1800 011 511

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800

Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636

Year 6 Orientation Day

On Wednesday 6 December, our Year 7 2024 students attended their second Orientation Day for the year. The students continued to foster friendships with each other as well as becoming more familiar with the operation of St Paul's. The students attended a number of lessons throughout the day. Once again the students enjoyed the opportunity of being part of the school community as they finalise their preparations for the start of next year.

Thanks to Miss Walker who organised the day and who will be the students Year 7 Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement (LoWE) in 2024.

End of Year Activities

Last week students in Years 7 - 10 participated in EOYA from Tuesday to Friday. EOYA provide students with the opportunity for the students to participate in activities which they may not normally undertake as well as engage socially with students outside of their classes and peer groups.

Feedback from students and staff indicated an enjoyable time was had by all involved. Thanks to the staff who organised the activities and supervised the students at the activities. Special acknowledgement goes to Miss Chapman who coordinated the EOYA and ensured the four days ran smoothly.



As the 2023 school year draws to a close, I wish to thank all students and staff for their efforts and families for their support. I wish a Merry Christmas and a relaxing and safe holiday to all members of the College community.

Mr Nicholas Wickham
Principal



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

St Paul's Catholic College

Day of Photography

7/2/2024

1. Please wear your full school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography
- Go to **www.advancedlife.com.au** and enter this code:
ZKY 3V2 FDM
3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal
4. If you are unable to order online, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography

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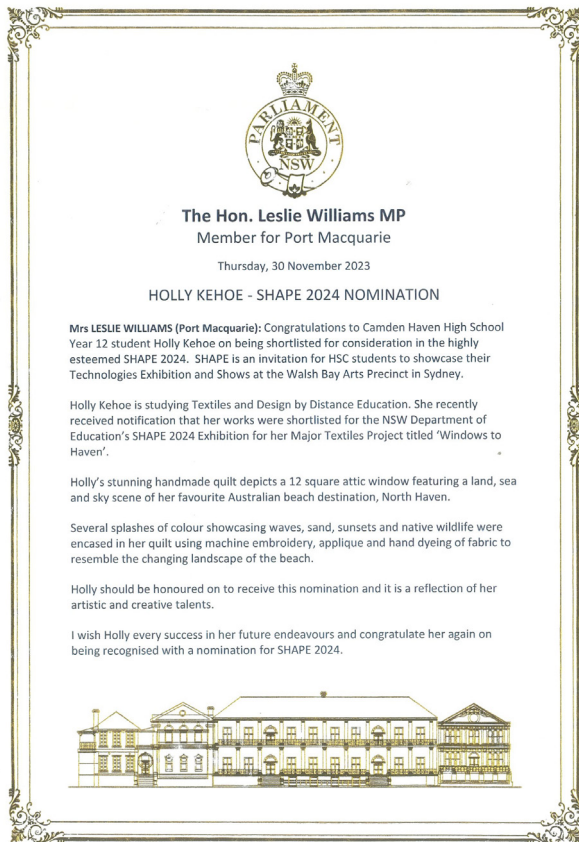
A BIG congratulations to Ella Suters and Kasey Crebert for achieving first in course for their preliminary year in their respective distance education courses.

Ella has been studying two language courses, Italian Beginners and French Continuers, via online learning at Camden Haven. Her dedication and hard work has been rewarded with her achievement of First in Course for Italian Beginners.



Kasey has delved into the world of Primary Industries and has been studying through Dubbo School of Distance Education. Kasey's studies have required her travel to Dubbo to take part in workshops and demonstrate her competency in various VET outcomes. She has been diligently applying herself to her learning and has secured First in Course for Primary Industries.

Both students have demonstrated tenacity and resilience in their studies and should be extremely proud of their efforts. We at St Pauls are certainly very proud of them.



Holly Kehoe has shown great resilience and tenacity with her external studies and her efforts have once again been recognised with a nomination of SHAPE. Congratulations Holly!


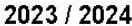



Mrs Belinda Richardson
Mathematics / Distance Education



College Uniform

Please see below the updated Uniform pricing from LOWES Glendale as well as the link to the website:






St PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

		RRP
GIRLS ALL SEASON UNIFORM		
56313 Sky Blue Overblouse - Junior		\$48.95
92268 S/S Overblouse White With Red Piping & Embroidery - Senior		\$44.95
78144 Ladies Tailored Shorts Charcoal	from	\$34.95
78143 Ladies Ink Navy Tailored Shorts - Seniors		\$39.95
79221 Ladies Ink Navy Tailored Pants - Seniors		\$50.95
91876 Blue/Grey Check Skirt - Junior		\$63.95
91881 Navy Skirt - Senior		\$84.95
96579 Navy Pullover with Embroidery	from	\$81.95
57493 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Jacket		\$69.95
57494 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Pants		\$52.95
99877 Navy Short Shell Jacket with Embroidery		\$94.95
97975 White Trafalgar Crew Socks		\$5.95
86260 Navy Jackie Tights		\$8.95
BOYS ALL SEASON UNIFORM		
84257 S/S Deluxe White Shirt with Embroidery	from	\$44.95
84258 Sky Blue Shirt	from	\$47.95
95047 Mid Grey Short		\$54.95
95051 Navy Deluxe College Shorts		\$49.95
97030 Mid Grey PQS College Style Trousers		\$67.95
97032 Navy College Trousers		\$67.95
96579 Navy Pullover with Embroidery	from	\$81.95
99877 Navy Short Shell Jacket with Embroidery		\$94.95
97975 White Trafalgar Crew Socks		\$5.95
99011 Black Leather Belt		\$21.95
SPORTS		
85062 Sky Polo Top	from	\$47.95
96326 Navy Microfibre Stretch Short		\$45.95
79003 Navy Knit Shorts	from	\$45.95
57493 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Jacket		\$69.95
57494 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Pants		\$52.95
97906 White Sport Socks		\$5.95
SENIOR BLAZERS		
98410 Navy Collarless Blazer		\$219.95
98590 Navy Blazer		\$219.95


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Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

Leonie Sykes - Community Liaison NSW - Saver Plus

leonie.sykes@thesmithfamily.com.au

0428 282 900

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Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

CHRISTMAS



SERVICES

Christmas Eve 24th December

6pm at Morisset Showground, Ourimbah St

Christmas Day 25th December

9.30am at St John Vianney Catholic Church

60 Yambo St



Catholic Parish of St John Vianney Morisset

For all Finance enquiries please use the following email address: finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au

To calculate your Weekly, Fortnightly or Monthly payment amount, please go to our Website and use the calculator. <http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/about-us/finance/fee-calculator/> (Please take the figure to the next five cents)

If you have not already done so, please ensure I have copies of relevant updated Health Care / Pension Cards and the Application Form.

School Fee

1. BPay through your own home banking via the Internet
2. Eftpos *Minimum payment \$10*
3. Cheque
4. Cash

Excursion Payments

1. Qkr

Excursions Coming Up

Please pay for all excursions by the due date written on the excursion notes which are sent home with your child. This date is important as excursion costing is calculated on the number of students who should be attending that particular event. Venues and buses have to be paid when the booking is first made. Your understanding of this would be very much appreciated.

Opening Hours for Payments to the Finance Office

Parents: Payments can be made at Reception between 8.30am and 2.30pm

Students: Mornings from 8.30am until tutor group bell, all of recess and all lunch times

QKR is the way to pay fees, excursions and Friday Sport



For your convenience, when paying for excursions the new Qkr! App is now live for families of our students. Qkr! By Mastercard can be downloaded for free from Apple's app store for iPhones, iPad users can download the iPhone app or from Google Play for Android phones. Simply:

Step 1 Download Qkr!

On your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

For more information about QKR visit our website

www.booragul.catholic.edu.au



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Switch/Reception
Hours: 8.15am until 3.30pm

Finance Office
Hours: 8.30am to 2.30pm
Email: finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au

Canteen
Telephone: 4946 3115

Clothing Pool 8.45 - 10.30am Thursday



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

31 Jan: Pupil Free Day

1 February: Year 7 students return

2 February: Years 8,9,10, 11 & 12 students return

7 February: School Photo Day